

Signals and Circuits

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Transistor

Chapter 17: 17-1 (DC operation of bipolar junction transistor)(pp. 781-785)

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Chapter 3: 3-7 (Application Note: Bipolar Junction Transistor)(pp. 127-130)

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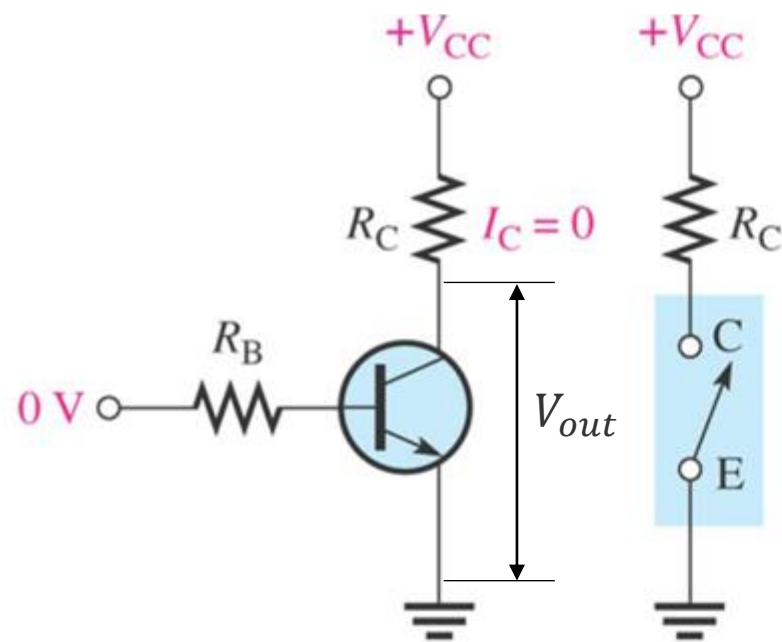
Transistor application

BJT as a switch

When used as an electronic switch, a transistor normally is operated alternately in cutoff and saturation

- A transistor is in cutoff when the base-emitter junction is not forward-biased. V_{CE} is approximately equal to V_{CC}
- When the base-emitter junction is forward-biased and there is enough base current to produce a maximum collector current, the transistor is saturated

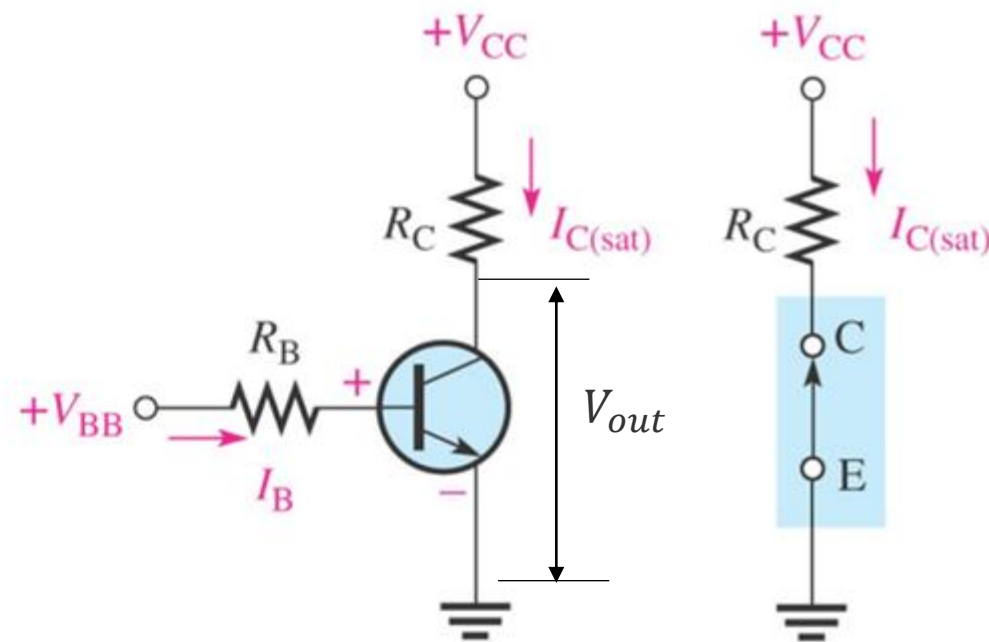
Reverse Active $V_C < V_B < V_E$	Saturation $V_E < V_B$ $V_C < V_B$ ($V_{CE}=0$)
Cut-Off $V_E > V_B$ $V_C > V_B$	Forward Active $V_C > V_B > V_E$



(a) Cutoff — open switch

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC}$$

$$I_C = 0$$



(b) Saturation — closed switch

$$V_{CE} = 0V$$

$$I_C = V_{CC}/R_C$$

DC Operation of BJTs (active region)

The base voltage is approximately: $V_B \approx \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_{CC}$ (I_B is very small)

Emitter voltage and Current

$$V_E = V_B - 0.7V$$

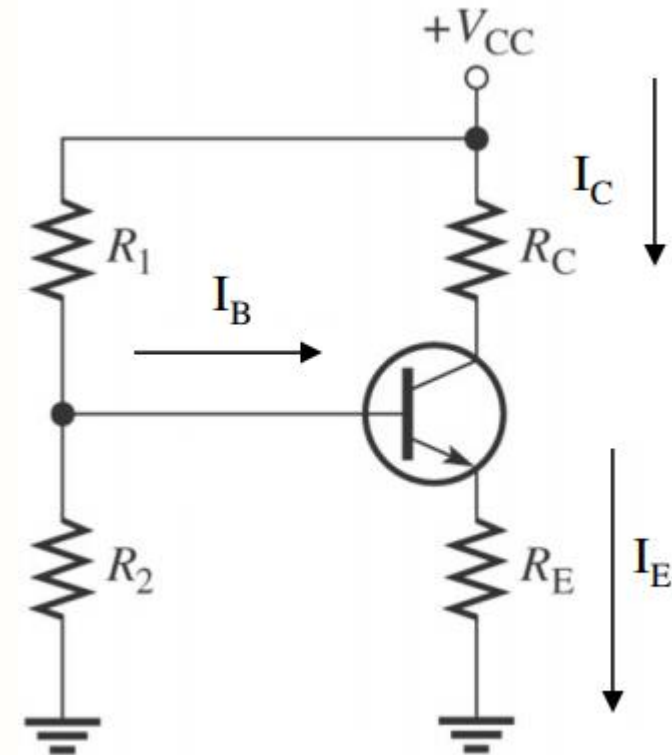
$$I_E = V_E / R_E$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$I_E \approx I_C$$

Collector voltage: $V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$

$$V_{CE} = V_C - V_E$$



V_B denotes the voltage between the base terminal to the ground.

V_C denotes the voltage between the collector terminal to the ground.

V_E denotes the voltage between the emitter terminal to the ground.

DC Operation of BJTs

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E.g.

Determine V_B , V_E , V_C , I_B , I_E , I_C in the Figure, as $\beta = 200$, $R_1 = 22k\Omega$, $R_2 = 10k\Omega$, $R_C = 1.0k\Omega$, $R_E = 1.0k\Omega$, $V_{CC} = 30V$

$$V_B = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{CC} = \frac{10}{22 + 10} \times 30 = 9.375V$$

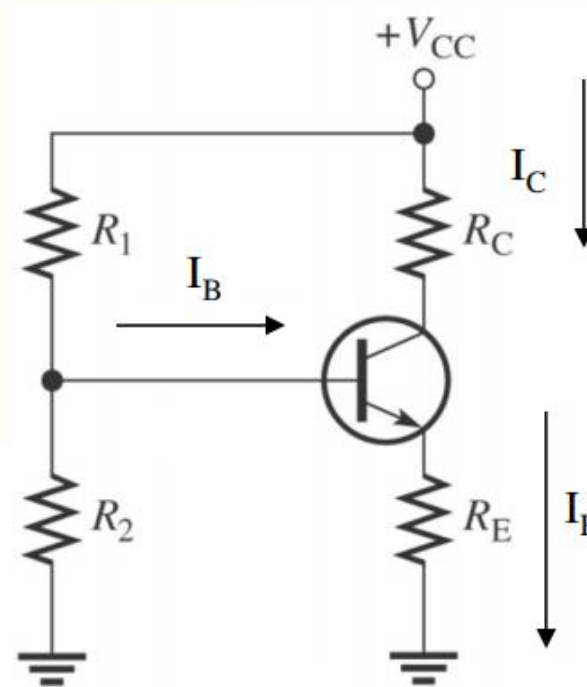
$$V_E = V_B - 0.7V = 8.675V$$

$$I_E = \frac{8.675V}{1k\Omega} = 8.675mA$$

$$I_C \approx I_E = 8.675mA$$

$$I_B = I_C / \beta = \frac{8.675mA}{200} = 43.375\mu A$$

$$V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = 30 - 8.675mA \times 1k\Omega = 21.325V$$



BJT Class A signal amplifiers

A common-emitter (CE) amplifier

- capacitors are used for coupling ac without disturbing dc levels

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Emitter voltage and Current

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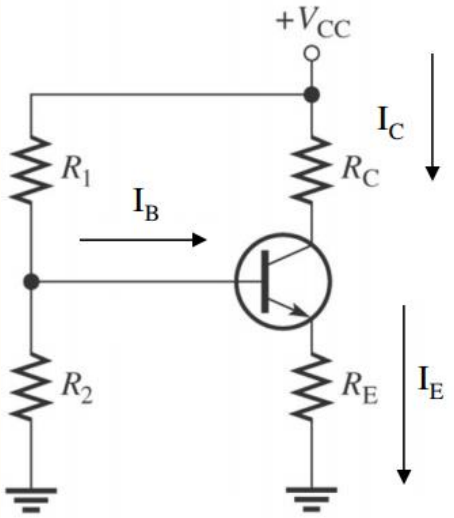
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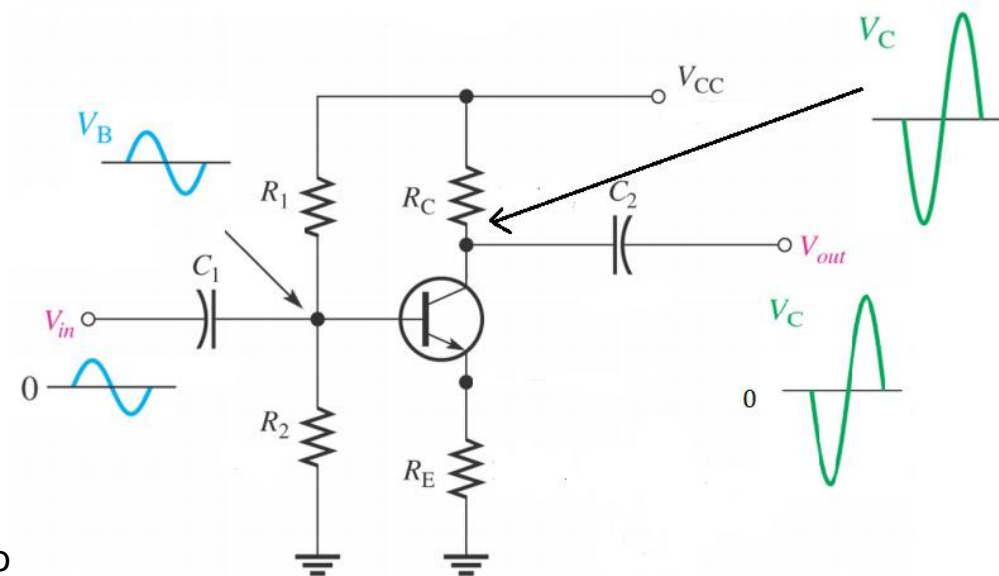
$$V_{CE} = V_C - V_E$$


Signal voltage gain A_v

$$A_v = \frac{\Delta V_C}{\Delta V_B} \approx \frac{\Delta V_C}{\Delta V_E} = - \frac{\Delta I_C R_C}{\Delta I_E R_E} = - \frac{R_C}{R_E}$$

This is only magnitude gain.

Actually, the phase is shifted by 180 degree.



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BJT Class A signal amplifiers

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In the figure, a signal voltage of 50 mV rms is applied to the base.

- Determine the output signal voltage rms for the amplifier
- Find the dc collector voltage on which the output signal voltage is riding
- Draw the output waveform.

(a) The signal voltage gain is

$$A_v \cong \frac{R_C}{R_E} = \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega}{1.0 \text{ k}\Omega} = 10$$

The output signal voltage is the input signal voltage times the voltage gain.

$$V_{out} = A_v V_{in} = (10)(50 \text{ mV}) = \mathbf{500 \text{ mV rms}}$$

(b) Next find the dc collector voltage.

$$V_B \cong \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_{CC} = \left(\frac{4.7 \text{ k}\Omega}{51.7 \text{ k}\Omega} \right) 25 \text{ V} = 2.27 \text{ V}$$

$$I_C \cong I_E = \frac{V_E}{R_E} = \frac{V_B - 0.7 \text{ V}}{1.0 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.57 \text{ mA}$$

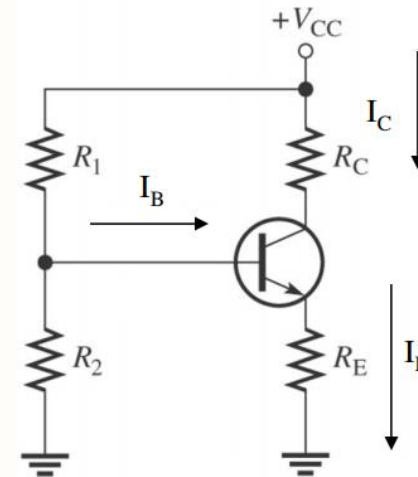
$$V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = 25 \text{ V} - (1.57 \text{ mA})(10 \text{ k}\Omega) = \mathbf{9.3 \text{ V}}$$

(c) This value is the dc level of the output. The peak value of the output signal is

$$V_p = 1.414(500 \text{ mV}) = 707 \text{ mV}$$

The base voltage is approximately: $V_B \approx \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_{CC}$

Emitter voltage and Current



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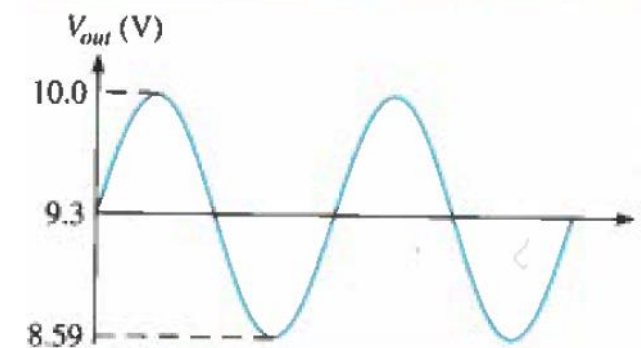
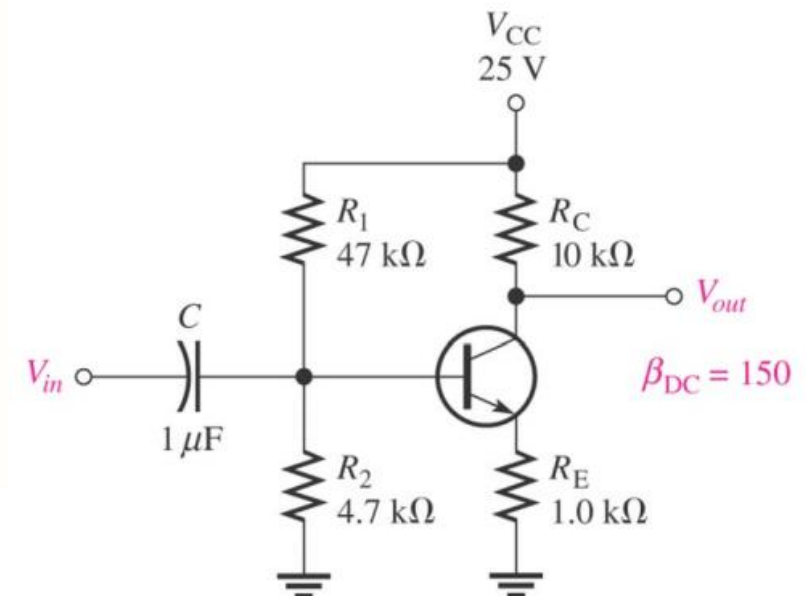
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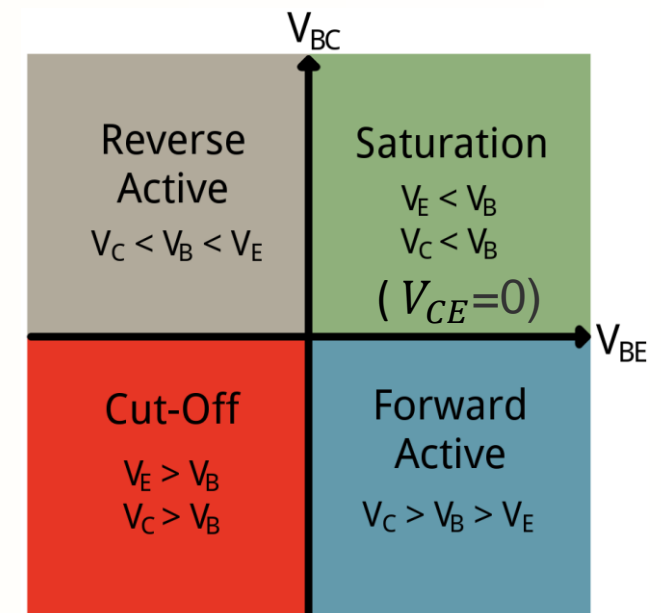
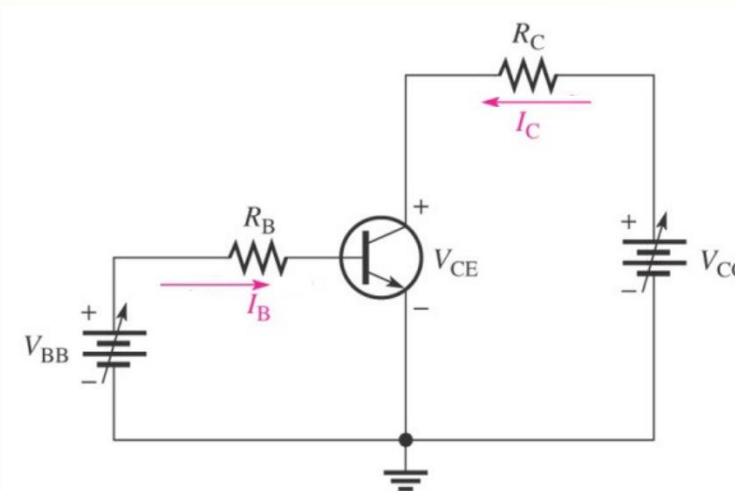
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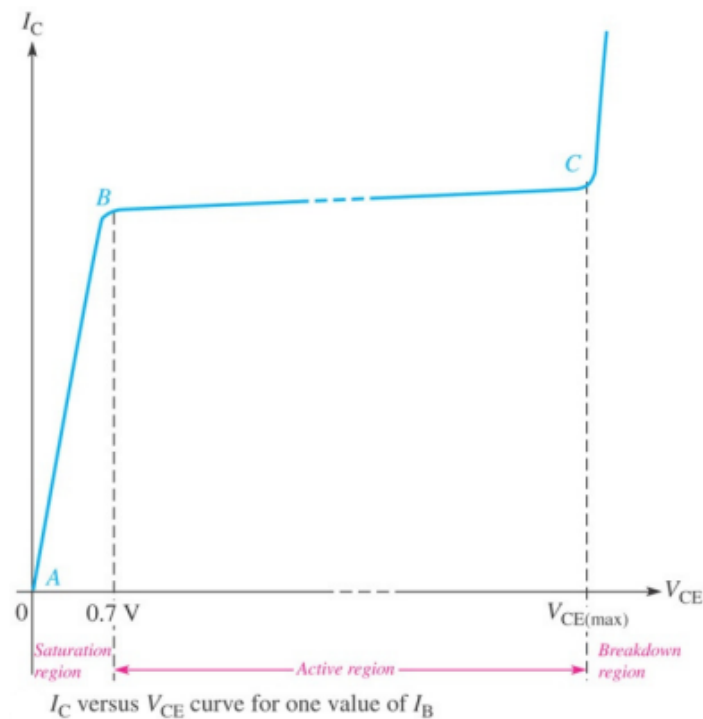
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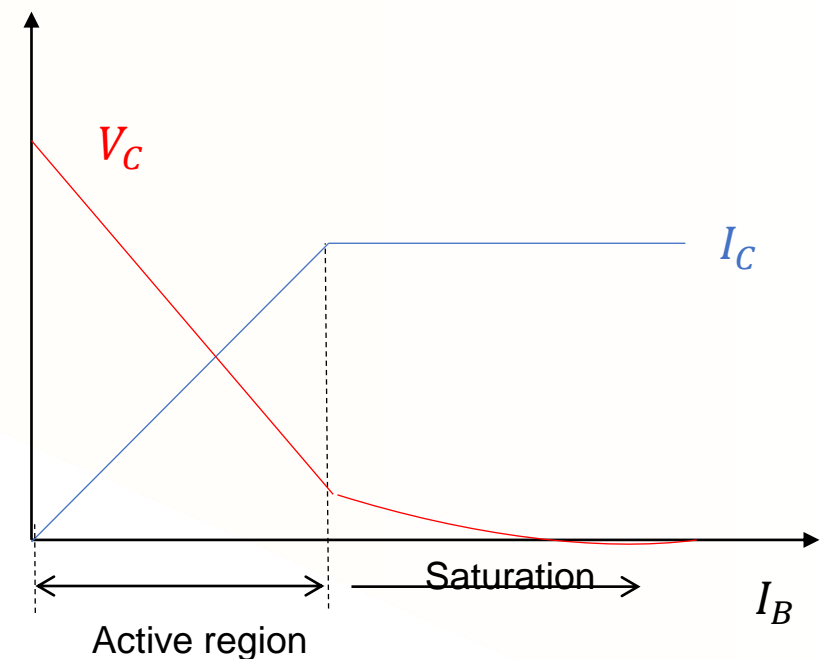
Region variation



Fixed V_{BB} , and then increase V_{CC} :



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$$V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = V_{CC} - \beta I_B R_C$$

V_{CE} can not be negative

V_{CE} is zero in saturation region

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